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Dear Parents/Carers

## **NEWSLETTER**

A warm welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to our new starters!

### **Recorded Images Consent & Emergency Contact Details**

At the start of every school year we like to update the emergency contact information that we hold for each child in school and make sure that parents are still happy for us to use their child's image for things such as the website, newspaper articles etc. Therefore, we ask that the consent and contact forms being sent home with this letter are completed and returned in relation to all children in Years 1 to 6. The new Reception children should already have recently completed these forms but, if there are any problems, Mrs Boardman will contact you directly. Please return forms by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Many thanks for your help with this.

### **Parental Consent Form**

We are also being sending home a further form relating to all children in school. This is a consent form asking permission for St Mary's staff to take children off site and into the local vicinity as and when necessary. This will be for use of St Mary's Church adjacent to school, when using the playground and The Rec situated at the back of school and when taking walks around the village i.e. Two Brooks Lane to the Village Store etc. If you have any queries in relation to this, please do not hesitate to speak with me. Again, please return this form by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Dinner Money**

Please note that dinner money continues to be charged by Bury Council at £2.30 per day being £11.50 per week. Please note that dinner money is to be paid in advance not arrears. Bury Council will only accept 1 weeks arrear before taking them from the school's own budget fund, so prompt payment is appreciated. Should you wish to pay in advance, Mrs Boardman will text parents at the start of every half term to advise of the total cost for that period. Payments can be made in cash (the correct money in a named envelope please), by cheque made payable to Bury Council or by card. Card payments can be made via the Bury Council website if you have your child's UPN reference, or with Mrs Boardman over the phone or at the office in person.

### **Traffic Survey**

Tracsis Traffic & Data Service will be carrying out a traffic survey in the village on behalf of the Department of Transport. This survey will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September between 7.00am and 7.00pm. We have been advised they will situate themselves at the junction of Bolton Road and Hawkshaw Lane.

### **Flu Vaccination Form**

The letters relating to the flu vaccinations, which are scheduled to be carried out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, will be coming home this week. Please could you complete and return the consent form as quickly as possible, preferably on or before **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Please complete the green form to say yes to the vaccination being given and the red form to say no. Every child should return one of the forms. Thank you

## PTA News

**Coffee Morning** - The PTA will be holding a coffee morning in Church from 9.00am on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, this is for parents, carers and pre-school children. Tea, coffee and breakfast will be on sale. Please come along and meet new parents and get to know your PTA.

**Welcome Walk** - Tickets for the Welcome Walk on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** will be on sale shortly from Mrs Boardman. A letter with all the details and an order form will be sent home separately.

**Tesco Bags of Help Scheme** - We are delighted to advise that St Mary's has been chosen as one of the community organisations to benefit from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme for the whole of September and October. During this time, when shopping at Tescos in Ramsbottom you will be given a blue token and ask to vote for one of the three organisations named by placing your blue token the corresponding box, which is usually located by the store exit. St Mary's will received a donation of between £1,000 and £4,000 for PTA funds, so please make sure you vote for St Mary's. The more votes, the more money we get! Thank you for your help with this.

**Gardening Group** - The PTA will continue to support the Gardening Group again this year with their brilliant efforts in maintaining the Community Garden. We have had some lovely homegrown fruit and veg over the Summer which have been delicious! Keeping up their hard work, the Gardening Group will be having another working party on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30a.m.** If you are new, or old, to the school and would like to join in, they would really appreciate some new blood! Tea, coffee and cake will be available as always. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTA Coffee Morning	9.00am in Church
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Parent Curriculum Evening	7.00pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Welcome Walk	6.00pm in Church
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gardening Group Working Party	10.30am
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Service	9.15am in Church
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Book Fair Week	3.15pm in Hall
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening early session	3.30 to 6.30pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening late session	6.00 to 8.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual/Sibling photos	9.00am
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School finishes for half term	3.15pm
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School opens	9.00am
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Morning	9.30am to 11.30am
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	10.00am
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Evening	6.00pm to 7.30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day	All Day
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Mary's choir perform at Methodist Christmas Tree Festival	6.00pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Theatre trip	10.00am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair	11.30am to 2.00pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir to perform at Methodist Monday Club	1.30pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service & Nativity	6.30pm in Church
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term Service	9.15 am in Church
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School finishes for Christmas	3.15pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Re-opens	9.00am